

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. J. RES. 245

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require three-fifths majorities for bills increasing taxes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 1993

Mr. SMITH of Oregon (for himself, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. POMBO, Mr. DEAL, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. COX, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. EWING, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. GOSS, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HAYES, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mrs. LLOYD, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PARKER, Mr. PAXTON, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. RAVENEL, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. ROWLAND, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. STUMP, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WELDON, Mr. ZELIFF, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. HERGER) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*

1 *thirds of each House concurring therein*), That the follow-  
2 ing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-  
3 tion of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents  
4 and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by  
5 conventions in three-fourths of the several States within  
6 seven years after the date of its submission for ratifica-  
7 tion:

8 “ARTICLE —

9 “SECTION 1. Any bill that would have the effect of  
10 increasing any revenue may pass only by a three-fifths ma-  
11 jority of the whole number of each House of Congress.

12 “SECTION 2. Except as provided in this article, total  
13 revenue of the United States Government for each fiscal  
14 year shall not exceed 20 percent of the gross domestic  
15 product. Any revenue in excess of the limit shall be used  
16 to reduce the public debt of the United States Govern-  
17 ment.

18 “SECTION 3. A specific amount of additional revenue  
19 above the limit in section 2 may be authorized for the cur-  
20 rent or next fiscal year when a bill for this sole purpose  
21 is passed by a three-fifths majority of the whole number  
22 of each House of Congress and such bill becomes law.

23 “SECTION 4. Upon the President’s request, the Con-  
24 gress by a roll call vote may waive the first three sections  
25 of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration

1 of war is in effect. Any law that has the effect of increas-  
2 ing any revenue, if adopted when a waiver is in effect,  
3 shall expire no later than 2 years after the law is adopted.

4 “SECTION 5. This article shall take effect for the first  
5 fiscal year beginning after its ratification.”.

